



**STATE ADVISORY GROUP (SAG) MEETING**  
**Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention**  
**100 Community Place**  
**Crownsville, MD 21032**  
**Monday, March 11, 2019**  
**1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Participating Members:**

Heather Chapman, Chair  
Michelle Becote-Jackson, Vice Chair  
Kara Aanenson  
Kirsten Anderson (phone)  
Sgt. Kathy Estrada  
Eric Ford  
Crystal Foretia (phone)  
Musa Hammett  
Annie Hansen-Combs  
Lynette Holmes  
Rebecca Jones Gaston  
Grayson McNew (phone)  
Janelle Riddick (phone)  
Heidi Rochon (phone)  
Kimberly Sauer  
Melanie Shapiro  
Judge Michael Stamm (phone)  
Jennifer Winter (phone)

**Guests:**

John McGinnis, Maryland State Department of Education  
Quinton Askew, 2-1-1 Maryland  
Cynthia Jones, Youth Empowerment Source

**Staff:**

William Jernigan, Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention  
Jessica Wheeler, Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention  
Lauren Molineaux, Governor's Office for Children  
Christina Drushel-Williams, Governor's Office for Children

**I. Welcome and Introductions**

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 p.m. Members and guests introduced themselves.

## **II. Approval of Minutes**

Ms. Sauer made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Ford seconded the motion. All members were in favor and the minutes were approved.

## **III. 2-1-1 Maryland Presentation**

Mr. Askew provided members with an overview of [2-1-1 Maryland](#). 2-1-1 Maryland is a partnership of four agencies working together to provide simple access to health and human services information. 2-1-1 is an easy to remember telephone number that connects people with important community services. Their specially trained call specialists answer calls 24 hours a day, every day of the year. There is a thorough vetting process to ensure that the organizations in the directory are active and providing the services that they claim to be providing. In addition, 2-1-1 Maryland has a robust data system which is available on their website and can help organizations understand the needs in the communities that they serve. Members were asked to help spread the word about 2-1-1 Maryland within their agencies and with the clients that they work with each day.

## **IV. Youth Empowerment Source Presentation**

Ms. Jones provided members with an overview of the [Youth Empowerment Source](#). Youth Empowerment Source (YES) is a non-profit agency dedicated to providing critical supports to children, youth and families in Cecil County, MD. With a strong focus on prevention and education, YES equips youth and families with the tools young people need to reach successful adulthood. Ms. Jones provided specific information on YES's STRIDE/CINS program, which is currently being funded by the State Advisory Group. The program provides case management to youth who are struggling with school attendance, are engaging in delinquent behavior, or have had contact with law enforcement. This early intervention program seeks to work with the youth and their families in a wrap around approach by addressing the root causes of truancy and delinquency behaviors.

## **V. Subcommittee Reports**

### *a. Recruitment, Training, and Regionalization*

Ms. Chapman announced that the Governor has appointed three new members: Dr. Jonathan Shepherd of the Black Mental Health Alliance; Antoine Vaughn, Youth Member; and Quishaun Holmes, Youth Member. In addition, there are currently two open seats that the SAG is recruiting for: public organization representative focused on mental health and a public organization representative focused on special education. Members were asked to assist with recruitment for these positions.

### *b. Racial and Ethnic Disparities (RED)*

Mr. Jernigan informed members that he will be attending a training opportunity, Undoing Racism®, in early April. The core of this training is to work towards dismantling structural racism. Several members of the SAG have participated in the training and provided positive feedback on their experience.

Mr. Jernigan also shared information on the Maryland Suspension Representation Project (MSRP), which is a partnership between Disability Rights Maryland, the Maryland Office of the Public Defender, the Public Justice Center and the Youth, Education and Justice Clinic at the University of Maryland School of Law. MSRP provides free legal representation to youth and families during suspension and expulsion proceedings. The group works to protect the due process rights of Maryland students who face school push out. Mr. Jernigan will soon be meeting with this organization in an effort to inform them of the SAG's work regarding RED and the school to prison pipeline and potentially form a partnership to advance the work.

Finally, Mr. Jernigan updated members on the Philadelphia DMC Youth Law Enforcement Curriculum. He continues to gather information regarding the program for potential replication in Maryland.

*c. Grant Monitoring*

Ms. Becote-Jackson informed members that the subcommittee's next site visit will be March 28, 2019 at Lead4Life, Inc. in Frederick County. All members are invited and encouraged to attend site visits to learn more about the subgrantees that are funded through the SAG and provide technical assistance, when possible.

*d. Emerging Leaders*

Ms. Foretia informed members that the subcommittee received presentations from Strategies for Youth, Inc., a Connecticut-based program which works to improve youth and law enforcement interactions, and The Blue Ribbon Project, a Maryland non-profit which works to prevent child abuse and provide critical support to victims, at their last meeting on March 27. The members are also exploring a book drive for youth in DJS facilities as well as implementing a report card system for schools with School Resource Officers to gauge youth and law enforcement interactions.

## **VI. Three Year Plan Discussion**

Ms. Chapman facilitated a discussion with members about the 2018-2020 Three Year Plan. Members discussed other partners and stakeholders that should be included in future SAG discussions including, but not limited, to the MD Center for School Safety, the Department of Labor, Licencing, and Regulation, and the Department of Health - Behavioral Health Administration. It was agreed that the SAG would evaluate their progress towards meeting the goals of the Three Year Plan in July once the grant decisions have been made. Members also

discussed hosting a training in the Fall for Title II sub grantees on topics such as: Trauma & the Developing Brain and Utilizing an Equity Lens.

## **VII. Juvenile Justice Specialist Updates**

Mrs. Wheeler informed members that Congress is considering an expansion of Title V in the Fiscal Year 2020 budget which provides for prevention funding. Maryland was the recipient of Title V funding over a decade ago but for the past several years, Title V has been earmarked for specific national mentoring programs. With the FY 2020 budget process, there is the possibility that Congress would remove the earmarks thus opening the funding back up to the States.

Additionally, States continue to await additional guidance and regulations from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention on the JJDPA reauthorization and its implications on compliance monitoring, RED, and other core components of the program.

## **VIII. Old/New Business**

Ms. Shapiro informed members that she was recently re-appointed to the Federal Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice which is made up of representatives of state advisory groups and tasked with advising the President, Congress, and the OJJDP Administrator on juvenile justice issues and concerns. She will update members on the progress of the Committee.

Members were reminded that the SAG Grant Review Session is scheduled for Monday, April 8th from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m at 100 Community Place, Crownsville, MD. Grant applications are due to GOCCP by March 15 and review packets will be emailed to members during the week of March 18. Member were asked to submit their completed evaluation forms in advance of the review session.

## **IX. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.